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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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E F T O

FRANK TIERI AKA FUNZI; JOHN RUSSO, AKA MUMBLES; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALPHONSE PERSICO, AKA "ALLIE BOY"; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (NY); RICO; OO:NEW YORK

PERSICO

RE NEW YORK TELCALL TO BUREAU, NOV. 18, 1976.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 13

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 2/28/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/4/76 - 2/24/77
TITLE OF CASE <u>FRANK TIERI aka</u> <u>"Funzi"</u> <u>"Funzwala"</u> <u>JOHN RUSSO aka 18</u> <u>Johnny Russo</u> <u>"Mumbles Russo"</u> (TITLE CONT'D COVER PAGE B)		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> 52	TYPED BY apm
		CHARACTER OF CASE  RICO; CONSPIRACY	

## REFERENCES

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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TITLE (Cont'd)

[REDACTED]

ALPHONSE PERSICO aka  
"Allie Boy";

[REDACTED]

(OO:NY)

ADMINISTRATIVE

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LEADS

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. Will conduct spot checks and surveillances at the [REDACTED] as to any violations of NYS or Federal law occurring on those premises.

3. Will maintain liaison with Special Attorney [REDACTED] EDNY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

A report is being submitted in this case in lieu of a progress letter, prior to prosecutive stages, in keeping with the request of [REDACTED] Chief, EDNY, Strike Force, that he be apprised of investigative developments in substantive matters in which [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
is a potential witness.

Since [REDACTED] is being referred to by his true name in the details of this report, special procedures have been observed concerning its dissemination to the EDNY and subsequent ones. The USA's Office, EDNY, has made appropriate plans to afford this and subsequent reports and communications maximum security.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATT: Special Attorney  
[redacted])

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: February 28, 1977

Field Office File #: 183-515 Bureau File #: 183-

Title: FRANK TIERI;  
JOHN RUSSO;  
[redacted] b6  
ALPHONSE PERSICO; b7C  
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Character: RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS;  
CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: [redacted]

[redacted] has, since it was opened, been run as a gambling  
operation holding illegal "Las Vegas Nights" on the premises.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of

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On February 4, 1977 at 5:25 PM, Special Agents (SAs)

[REDACTED] observed

a tan vehicle bearing New York registration 278-YEJ  
parked in front of 1977 63rd Street, Brooklyn, New York.  
A check with the New York State Division of Motor Vehicles  
revealed the following:

License Number

278-YEJ

Name

JOHN RUSSO

Date of Birth

October 20, 1915

Address

1977 63rd Street,  
Brooklyn, New York

Vehicle

1977 Chevrolet, two  
door sedan; color - gray

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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E F T O

FRANK TIERI; ET AL, [REDACTED] RICO, OO:

NEW YORK

RENYTELETYPE TO BU, FEBRUARY 9, 1977, AND BUAIRTEL TO  
NY, FEBRUARY 14, 1977.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE INFORMATION OBTAINED ON

THESE PRIOR OCCASIONS, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESULTED IN THE OBTAINING OF DIRECT EVIDENCE

AND THE OBTAINING OF LEAD MATERIAL WHICH AIDED IN DIRECTING THE  
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[REDACTED]

RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS REQUESTED FOR 30 DAYS, TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT BUREAU PERMISSION BE GRANTED  
TO EXPEND AN ADDITIONAL [REDACTED] ON SAC AUTHORITY. THE MONEY TO  
BE USED, IN ADDITION TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ON MARCH 15, 1977, SPECIAL ATTORNEYS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDNY, JOINT STRIKE FORCE,

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REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU INTENSIFY ITS INVESTIGATION IN THIS  
MATTER IN VIEW OF FRANK TIERI BEING THE "BOSS" OF THE GENOVESE  
LCN FAMILY.

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FRANK TIERI; ET AL, [REDACTED]

RICO, OO:

NEW YORK

RENYTELETYPE TO BU, FEBRUARY 9, 1977, AND BUAIRTEL TO  
NY, FEBRUARY 14, 1977.

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[REDACTED] THE INFORMATION OBTAINED ON

THESE PRIOR OCCASIONS, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESULTED IN THE OBTAINING OF DIRECT EVIDENCE  
AND THE OBTAINING OF LEAD MATERIAL WHICH AIDED IN DIRECTING THE  
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On March 15, 1977, Special Attorneys [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDNY, Joint Strike Force, requested that the Bureau

intensify its investigation in this matter in view of Frank Tieri being the "boss" of the Genovese LCN "family."

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FRANK TIERI; ET AL

RICO, OO:

NEW YORK.

RENYTELETYPE TO BU, FEBRUARY 9, 1977, AND BUAIRTEL TO  
NY, FEBRUARY 14, 1977.

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[REDACTED] THE INFORMATION OBTAINED ON  
THESE PRIOR OCCASIONS, AS A DIRECT RESULT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RESULTED IN THE OBTAINING OF DIRECT EVIDENCE  
AND THE OBTAINING OF LEAD MATERIAL WHICH AIDED IN DIRECTING THE  
COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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On March 15, 1977, Special Attorneys [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDNY, Joint Strike Force, requested that the Bureau intensify its investigation in this matter in view of Frank Tieri being the "boss" of the Genovese LCN "family."

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TO NEW YORK (183-515) (52) ROUTINE

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E F T O

FRANK TIERI, ET AL, RICO

REURTEL, 4/26/77.

BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EXPEND UP TO  ON SAC  
AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

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NOTE: Investigation is being directed against Frank Tieri,  
boss of Genovese LCN family.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/1/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/11 - 6/28/77
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED; FRANK ALEONSO TIERI aka Frank A. Tieri; JOHN FRANK RUSSO; [REDACTED] ALPHONSE CARMINE PERSICO aka (TITLE CONT'D COVER PAGE B)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] - 52	TYPED BY atr
		CHARACTER OF CASE RICO; CONSPIRACY 113 2-c	

Title marked "Changed" to reflect additional aliases for subjects TIERI, RUSSO and PERSICO and to reflect middle names for subjects PERSICO, [REDACTED] and TIERI.

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## REFERENCES:

Buairtel to NY, 2/14/77.  
NYteletype to Bureau, 3/17/77.  
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APPROVED [Signature] COPIES MADE: 3-Bureau (183- 1-Strike Force, EDNY (ATTN: [REDACTED]) SPECIAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] 5-New York (183-515) (1-179-1534) (INFO) (1-179-1540) (INFO) (1-179-1546) (INFO)						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW 183-920 28 JUL 12 1977 DE-30 R-33	
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"Alley Boy": [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Spot checks and surveillances have been discontinued as to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

This "undercover" type investigation is tentatively planned to last at least a year, unless there are unexpected difficulties. When this undercover investigation is finally terminated, subjects TIERI Et Al, will be brought before the EGJ, EDNY, to be questioned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Upon the completion of the subjects [REDACTED]

an evaluation will be made as to whether indictments are warranted for RICO, Conspiracy, Perjury, and Contempt or Income Tax Violations, etcetera.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D):

During the period covered by this report  
[redacted]  
of evidentiary value were obtained pertaining  
to [redacted]

On 6/4/77, Special Attorneys [redacted]  
[redacted] EDNY advised  
that based on discussions they had with [redacted]  
[redacted] Chief of the EDNY, Strike Force, Special  
Attorneys [redacted] desired that  
the Bureau conduct no further investigation [redacted]  
[redacted]

In view of the above, this matter is being  
placed in pending inactive status.

On 6/28/77, Special Attorney [redacted]  
EDNY, advised that the FGJ, EDNY, should be handling  
the matters concerning [redacted]

A report is being submitted in this case  
in lieu of a progress letter, prior to prosecutive  
stages, in keeping with the request of [redacted]  
Chief, EDNY, Strike Force, that he be apprised of  
investigative developments in substantive matters in  
[redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D):

Since [REDACTED] is being referred to by his true name in the details of this report, special procedures have been observed concerning its dissemination to the EDNY and subsequent ones. The USA's Office, EDNY, has made appropriate plans to afford this and subsequent reports and communications maximum security.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-Strike Force, EDNY (ATTN: Special Attorney  
[redacted])

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: July 1, 1977

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Title: FRANK ALFONSO TIERI;  
JOHN FRANK RUSSO;  
[redacted]

Character: ALPHONSE CARMINO PERSICO;  
[redacted]

Synopsis: RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS;  
CONSPIRACY

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DETAILS:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 3/15/77

[redacted] Marco Polo Hotel, 192nd Street and Collins Avenue, was contacted at her place of employment and furnished the following information concerning registration card number 61515:

The above registration card showed that during the period January 12, 1977 to January 15, 1977, one JOHN RUSSO, 68 Bay 28th Street, Brooklyn, New York had registered at the Marco Polo Hotel.

RUSSO stayed in Room 523 and checked in precisely at 1:56 P.M. on January 12, 1977 and departed on January 16, 1977.

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Additional information concerning this card showed that RUSSO had a room rate of \$56.00 per day, was on the European plan, made the reservations, and confirmed same with a \$200.00 cash deposit.

Interviewed on 3/1/77 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 72-2192

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/14/77

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 3/15/77

[redacted] Marco Polo Motel, 192nd Street and Collins Avenue, was contacted at her place of employment and furnished the following information concerning registration card number 01513:

The above registration card showed that during the period January 12, 1977 to January 16, 1977, one P. TIERI, 63 Bay 25th Street, Brooklyn, New York had registered at the Marco Polo Motel.

TIERI stayed in Room 623 and checked in precisely at 1:56 P.M. on January 12, 1977. TIERI's identity was verified with a driver license, which has number T 09182-44447-961703-94. TIERI's date of birth was shown as February 22, 1904 and [redacted] advised that this information was also obtained from the driver's license shown at the time of check-in.

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Interviewed on 3/3/77 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 62-2592

by SA [redacted] isp 2 Date dictated 3/14/77

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ E F T O  
☐ CLEAR

Date 8/23/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-515) (P\*) (52)

SUBJECT: FRANK ALFONSO TIERI [REDACTED]

RICO  
(OO:NY)

ReNYtel to Bureau, 7/1/77; Buairtel to New York,  
7/11/77 and NYrep of SA [REDACTED] 7/11/77.

During the thirty day authorization period, sub-  
sequent to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was not utilized on any occasion [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TIERI,  
ET AL. are contemplated in the near future. Therefore,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is not being requested at this time.

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DATE:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM :

SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS

SUBJECT:

FRANK TIERI aka  
Funzi ~~TIERI~~  
JOHN RUSSO aka  
Mumbles ~~RUSSO~~

[REDACTED]  
ALPHONSE PERSICO aka  
Allie Boy ~~PERSICO~~

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FRANK TIERI aka  
Funzi  
JOHN RUSSO aka  
Mumbles

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Administrative

This communication is being submitted under dual caption because they are interrelated by subject and witnesses.

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This investigation was predicated on receipt of  
crime figures FRANK TIERI, JOHN RUSSO aka "Mumbles",

[REDACTED] ALPHONSE PERSICO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

This was was begun on the basis of information  
supplied by a confidential informant for the FBI.

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It is the opinion of the AUSA handling this matter that the case has prosecutive merit regarding violation of Extortionate Credit Transactions and Conspiracy involving RUSSO as a principal. However, the RICO aspect of the violation and establishment of direct involvement by FRANK TIERI will not be clarified until completion of Grand Jury proceedings into this matter.

It is anticipated that JOHN RUSSO will be indicted for extortion and based on the results of further Grand Jury action, it is possible that TIERI may also be indicted if direct involvement can be established.

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It is the opinion of the Strike Force Attorney,  
~~handling the case that the prosecutive merits are excellent~~

A determination as to the prosecutive merits of the  
case against FRANK TIERI will be made following the completion  
of Grand Jury investigation.

Continuous contact has been maintained with the  
Eastern District Strike Force regarding these cases. AUSA  
MC DONALD has advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and will be testifying before  
the Grand Jury in the near future.

Mr. MC DONALD advised that [REDACTED]  
will be a determining factor as to whether TIERI will be  
individual in either or both of the captioned cases. Bureau  
will be kept advised.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

11/24/80

- Frank Tieri, aka  
Funzi  
RICO (A)  
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On 11/21/80, Frank "Funzi" Tieri, age 76, was found guilty by a jury in the Southern District of New York (Manhattan). He was declared guilty of two counts of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) and conspiracy regarding a bankruptcy fraud of the Westchester Premier Theater (WPT).

Tieri is boss of the Genovese LCN "family" in New York City. The "family" is one of the largest in terms of membership and by far the wealthiest LCN "family" in the United States. Tieri is a member of the LCN "Commission."

The month-long trial [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning Tieri's loansharking activities, labor extortion involving an E. J. Korvette store and the bankruptcy fraud of WPT. Tieri has been confined to his home pending sentencing.

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Revell
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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JURY IN TRIAL OF SUBJECT RETURNED GUILTY VERDICT IN EARLY EVENING OF INSTANT DATE ON TWO COUNTS OF RICO, AND CONSPIRACY FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD. SUBJECT IS THE CURRENT BOSS OF THE GENOVESE LCN FAMILY IN THE NEW YORK AREA. A MOTION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO HAVE SUBJECT REMANDED IMMEDIATELY WAS REJECTED. HOWEVER  USDJ, SDNY ORDERED THAT TIERI BE CONFINED.

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